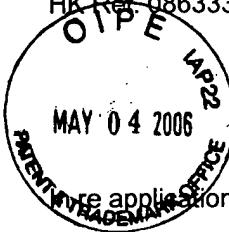


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Applicant's application of: Richard A. PROULX

Application No.: 10/713,485

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For: Method of Manufacturing Noise Attenuating Flexible Cutting Line for
Use in Rotary Vegetation Trimmers

Mail Stop AF

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AMENDMENT AND FEE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for this application.

Additional papers enclosed:

3-page Request for Reconsideration and Return Postcard

Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)		Fee for Other Than Small Entity	Fee for Small Entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	1.17(a)(1)	\$ 120.00	1251
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	1.17(a)(2)	\$ 450.00	1252
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	1.17(a)(3)	\$ 1,020.00	1253
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	1.17(a)(4)	\$ 1,590.00	1254
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	1.17(a)(5)	\$ 2,160.00	1255

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10

I hereby certify that, on the date shown below, this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being:

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An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$_____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 225.00.

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		SMALL ENTITY	
			RATE	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total 27	minus 27	= 0	x \$50 =		x \$25 =	\$ 0.00
Indep. 9	minus 9	= 0	x \$200 =		x \$100 =	\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ \$360 =		+ \$180 =	
			TOTAL		TOTAL	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

Total additional fee for claims required is \$_____.

Attached is a check money order in the amount of \$_____.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ 225.00 to Deposit Account No. **502481**.

Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **502481**. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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